

February 9, 2006

The *Dillon Tribune*, and *Montana Standard Papers*

**RE: Application for an Operating Permit for Apex Abrasives Inc.
Glen Tungsten Mill-Tailings Project in Beaverhead County**

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks:

Legal Notice

Notice of Application for an Operating Permit 00013 (pursuant to the Metal Mine Reclamation Act, Section 82-4-353(1), MCA).

Apex Abrasives Inc. (Apex) of Missoula, MT filed an application on January 31, 2006 for an Operating Permit for its Glen Tungsten Mill-Tailings Project near Glen, MT from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau in Helena and the Bureau of Land Management in Dillon, MT. The old Glen tungsten mill tailings contain garnet sand useful for abrasive products. The tungsten mill tailings are located 2 miles north of Glen, MT and $\frac{3}{4}$ mile west of Interstate 15 and are 50 years old.

The applicant seeks approval to wash the sands to recover garnet. Over 970,000 tons of tailings exist and the company would mill them at a rate of 90-200 tons/day for 10-15 years. About 70 percent of the tailings would be removed as a result of the reprocessing. The reprocessing of the tailings would result in reclamation of the historic tailings ponds in the area. The permit area would cover 100 acres. All of the operations would be on private and BLM lands in Sections 4 and 5, Township 4 South, Range 9 West.

DEQ is reviewing the application and will be preparing an environmental analysis on the project. Copies of the application can be reviewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6th Ave., in Helena, MT and in the Western Montana College Library in Dillon, MT. Please submit comments or questions on the proposal by March 31, 2006. For information on the project and to submit comments on the proposal, contact:

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Please send your invoice, tear sheet, and affidavit of publication to DEQ at the above address to the attention of Sue Fairchild. Please indicate that the bill applies to Doc # EMB 5036 110. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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